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diana State Bar Foundation and a Senior Distinguished Fellow of the Indianapolis Bar Foundation. She is a frequent speaker on legal topics for attorneys, other judges, and professional, civic and community organizations.

Judge Robb was Founding Chair of Governor Bowen's Commission on the Status of Women; was a recipient of a 1993 Indiana State Bar Association's "Celebrating 100 Years of Women in the Legal Profession" award; the 2001 Maynard K. Hine distinguished alumni award given in recognition of support and service to IUPUI and Indiana University; the 2004 Bernadette Perham "Indiana Women of Achievement" Award, bestowed by Ball State University to honor of one of their outstanding professors; the 2005 Indiana State Bar Association's Women in the Law Recognition Award; the 2006 Tippecanoe County YWCA Salute to Women "Women of Distinction" Award; the 2007 Warren G. Harding High School, Warren, Ohio, Distinguished Alumni Award; the 2010 Indiana University Alumni Association President's Award, a 2010 Indiana Lawyer Distinguished Barrister Award, the 2011 Indianapolis Bar Association Women and the Law Committee's Antoinette Dakin Leach Award and the 2011 David Hamacher Award from the Appellate Practice Section of the Indiana State Bar Association.

Judge Robb chairs the Supreme Court Task Force on Family Courts and is involved in several projects to benefit the Indiana legal system. She also chaired the Supreme Court task force for the development of Trial Court Local Rules, has also served as a member of the Indiana Board of Law Examiners, the Governance Committee of the Supreme Court IOLTA (Interest on Lawyer Trust Account) Committee; the Federal Advisory Committee on Local Rules for the Federal Court for the Northern District of Indiana; and the Federal Advisory Committee for the Expediting of Federal Litigation.

Judge Robb authored "Reflections of Baseball, Life and the Law" in the Indiana State Bar Association's journal, Res Gestae and "Running Bases, Winning Cases: Why the Grand Old Game of Baseball is like the legal profession" in the ABA's journal. She also authored a chapter on Supreme Court Justice Leonard Hackney in, Indiana Supreme Court Justices, and co-authored a chapter, "From Juvenile Courts to Family Courts," in Essays on Indiana Legal History.

In addition, she serves on the ABA Committee that accredits law schools and chaired the 2010 ABA's Appellate Judges Council-Appellate Judges Education Institute's national Summit for Judges, lawyers and Staff attorneys. Judge Robb is an elected member of the American Law Institute (ALI).

Judge Robb was retained on the Court of Appeals in 2000 and 2010, is married to a professor at Purdue University. Their son, a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, is a lieutenant on active duty in the United States Navy.

### What happens after oral argument?

After oral argument, a designated writing judge drafts an opinion for the others' review. Final language may involve several drafts and significant collaboration.

Generally, opinions affirm or reverse lower court rulings in whole. But some affirm in part, some reverse in part, and some do both. Not infrequently, the opinion instructs the trial court about the next appropriate course of action.

Many opinions are unanimous, although non-unanimous decisions (2-1) are not uncommon. Dissenting judges usually express their views in a separate opinion that becomes part of the permanent record of the case. Judges might also write separate, concurring opinions that emphasize different points of law or facts than the main opinion.

No rules or laws govern how fast the court must issue an opinion. But the court strives to decide cases within four months of receiving all briefs, transcripts and other records.

Once issued, all opinions are published on *www.courts.in.gov* and maintained in the permanent records of the Clerk of Appellate Courts.

Parties can appeal Court of Appeals decisions to the Indiana Supreme Court by filing a petition to transfer within a prescribed number of days. But transfer is not automatic; the Supreme Court can grant or deny transfer with or without giving a reason.

### For the Appellant

Frederick A. Turner is an Indianapolis native who graduated from Cathedral High School, Indiana University (B.S. Finance) and Indiana University School of Law-Bloomington (J.D. 1993). He is a member of the Colorado Bar (1993) and Indiana Bar (1994) and is also admitted in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana.

Mr. Turner has practiced law in his solo law office in Bloomington since 1994. Most of his practice concerns criminal law although he handles many family law cases, including divorce/paternity issues, CHINS, adoption, and guardianship. He has briefed several appeals but this is his first oral argument.

Mr. Turner is a member of the Monroe County Bar Association and is president of the Local Board (Monroe County) for the Alcohol Tobacco Commission. He also serves as a guardian ad litem.

He is the proud father of two sons, one who attends Indiana University and one who will attend there in fall 2015.

### For the Appellee

Frances Barrow joined the Office of Attorney General in 1994 as a deputy in Administrative and Regulatory Litigation. She has been a deputy in the Civil Appeals section since 2002.

Before joining the Attorney General's office Ms. Barrow was a deputy prosecuting attorney in the Floyd County Prosecutor's Office in New Albany, IN, her home town.

She received a BA degree from Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, IL, in 1977, an MA in Religion from Yale Divinity School in 1985, and her law degree from the Wake Forest University School of Law in 1989.

Ms. Barrow has been a presenter at CLE seminars on the topics of defending class action lawsuits, injunction practice, child support appeals and administrative law. She is a volunteer with the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program and Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central Indiana

Ms. Barrow is licensed to practice law in Indiana and Louisiana.

## **SYNOPSIS**

n February of 2014, Indiana Adult Protective Services filed a verified petition for a guardianship over the person and estate of an incapacitated person, that person being 77-year-old Sharon Izzo.

The trial court appointed both a *guardian ad litem* and a temporary guardian for Izzo after a first hearing, and then held a second hearing.

At the second hearing, the trial court heard evidence that Izzo had been diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder, frontal lobe dysfunction, and mild dementia. The trial court also heard evidence that Izzo was unable to make appropriate personal and financial decisions.

After the second hearing, the trial court appointed Elizabeth Ruh as guardian of Izzo's person and estate.

Izzo claims on appeal that the evidence presented was insufficient to support the trial court's findings that she was incapacitated and a guardianship was necessary.

Appellee the State of Indiana contends that sufficient evidence was presented to support the trial court's judgment.

# Court of Appeals Mission Statement

To serve all people by providing equal justice under law.

# **Court of Appeals of Indiana**

Hearing oral argument at
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53A05-1407-GU-320

On Appeal from Monroe Circuit Court The Honorable Stephen R. Galvin, Judge

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Initiative, which resulted in a comprehensive yet responsible reduction of juvenile pretrial incarceration in Marion County that is now a statewide model.

Before joining the bench, he was recruited by Marion County Prosecutor Scott Newman as Chief Trial Deputy, in which capacity he managed a staff of more than 100 attorneys for two years. He also served five years as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, where he prosecuted major felony drug cases under United States Attorney Deborah J. Daniels. He was in private legal practice from 1986 to 1991.

A native Hoosier, Judge Bradford earned a B.A. in labor relations and personnel management from Indiana University-Bloomington in 1982 and his J.D. from Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis in 1986. He is the Court of Appeals' liaison to

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Alumni Association, and a member of the Indianapolis Rotary Club.

She also has extensive international legal experience. In 2008, she cofounded the Legal Aid Centre of Eldoret, Kenya (LACE), which provides legal access to justice in the AMPATH medical center for its HIV/AIDS patients.

In 2011, Judge Riley traveled with the Washington, D.C.-based International Judicial Academy to The Hague, Netherlands, to observe the International Criminal Court and two International Criminal Tribunals that are hearing cases from Sierra Leone and the former Yugoslavia.

In 2012 she participated in the 3rd Sino-U.S. Law Conference at the National Judges College of the People's Republic of China, which oversees all aspects of that country's judicial training, placement and promotion.

In 2013, she lectured on judicial ethics at the Justice Academy of Turkey and in 2014 joined an Indiana University team of legal observers at the U.S. detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Judge Riley is the mother of two sons. She was retained on the Court by election in 1996 and 2006 and later served as presiding judge of the court's Fourth District.

the Indiana Judges Criminal Instructions Committee, which provides guidance to judges on jury instructions in criminal cases, and he is a former member of both the Indiana Judges Criminal Policy Committee and the Board of Directors of the Indiana State Judicial Conference.

Judge Bradford is a Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Indianapolis Bar Association and a member of the Marion County Bar Association, Kosciusko County Bar Association, Indiana State Bar Association, American Bar Association, and the Sagamore Inn of Courts. He has taught Indiana Continuing Legal Education Foundation trial practice seminars for more than 10 years and also teaches Forensic Science and the Law at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, where he is an adjunct instructor.

Judge Bradford is well versed in contemporary technology and media issues, having served on the Judicial Technology and Automation Committee (JTAC), helping to draft the state judiciary's policies on technology and case management. From 2005 to 2007, he hosted "Off the Bench with Judge Cale Bradford," a legal commentary program on Marion County's government access network.

He frequently lectures on a wide range of legal topic s and in 2012 will serve as a Vice President of the Indianapolis Bar Association and on the Indiana State Bar Association Appellate Practice Section Executive Committee.

Judge Bradford is a former director of the John P. Craine House in Indianapolis, a residential alternative to incarceration for women offenders with preschool-aged children. He is a former advisory board member of the Lawrence Youth Football League and has long been active at Castleton United Methodist Church.

He and his wife, Sam, a full-day kindergarten teacher, have five adult children.

### Notable Quotations About Justice and the Courts

The complete independence of the courts of justice is peculiarly essential in a limited Constitution.

- Alexander Hamilton, Federalist 78

It is emphatically the province and duty of the Judicial Department to say what the law is. Those who apply the rule to particular cases must, of necessity, expound and interpret that rule. If two laws conflict with each other, the Courts must decide on the operation of each.

- Chief Justice John Marshall

Whatever disagreement there may be as to the scope of the phrase "due process of law" there can be no doubt that it embraces the fundamental conception of a fair trial, with opportunity to be heard.

- Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

The ultimate touchstone of constitutionality is the Constitution itself and not what we have said about it.

- Justice Felix Frankfurter

Law matters, because it keeps us safe, because it protects our most fundamental rights and freedoms, and because it is the foundation of our democracy.

- Justice Elena Kagan

**M**ost high courts in other nations do not have discretion, such as we enjoy, in selecting the cases that the high court reviews. Our court is virtually alone in the amount of discretion it has.

- Justice Sandra Day O'Connor

Restriction on free thought and free speech is the most dangerous of all subversions. It is the one un-American act that could most easily defeat us.

- Justice Thurgood Marshall

The day you see a camera come into our courtroom, it's going to roll over my dead body.

- Justice David Souter

## Today's Panel of Judges



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Margret G. Robb

Tippecanoe County

The Honorable



The Honorable Patricia A. Riley Jasper County



The Honorable Cale J. Bradford Marion County

Margret G. Robb was appointed to the Court of Appeals of Indiana in July 1998 by Governor Frank O'Bannon. She holds a B.S. and an M.S. in Business Economics from Purdue University, a Magna Cum Laude J.D. from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law and is a graduate of the Graduate Program for Indiana Judges. In 2011 she began a three year term as chief judge; the first woman to hold that position in the Court's more than

Prior to her appointment to the Court, Judge Robb was, for 20 years, engaged in the general practice of law in Lafayette, and served as a Chapter 11, 12 and a standing Chapter 7 Bankruptcy trustee for the Northern District of Indiana. She was a registered family and civil mediator and served as a Tippecanoe County Deputy Public Defender.

She has been an officer of the Indiana State Bar Association, the Fellows of the Indiana State Bar Foundation, Tippecanoe County Bar Association, National Association of Women Judges, the Indiana University School of Law- Indianapolis Alumni Association and the Bankruptcy Section of the Indiana State Bar Association.

She has also been a Board member of the Appellate Judges Council of the American Bar Association, the Indianapolis Bar Association, the Indianapolis Bar Foundation, the Senior Council Section of the Indianapolis Bar Association, the Appellate Practice Section of the Indiana State Bar Association and the Appellate Judges Education Institute.

She was the moderator for the 2005-2006 and Chair for the 2006-2007 Indianapolis Bar Association's Bar Leader Series, and is a member of the American Bar Foundation, American Judicature Society, a Master Fellow of the InPatricia A. Riley was named to the Court of Appeals of Indiana by Governor Evan Bayh in January of 1994. A native of Rensselaer, IN, Judge Riley earned her bachelor's degree from Indiana University-Bloomington in 1971 and her law degree from the Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis in 1974.

Early in her career she served as a Deputy Prosecutor in Marion County and a public defender in Marion and Jasper counties before entering into private practice in Jasper County. She served as a judge of the Jasper Superior Court from 1990 to 1993. She is a former associate professor at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer and currently an adjunct professor at the Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis.

Judge Riley's legal memberships include the Indianapolis Bar Association, the Marion County Bar Association, and the Indiana State Bar Association, including co-chair of the ISBA's Racial Diversity in the Profession Section; member, Women in the Law Committee; and member, Committee on Improvements in the Judicial System.

Judge Riley is the former chair of the Appellate Practice Section of the American Bar Association, and a member of the ABA's Judicial Division International Courts Committee. She is a member of the Indiana Judges Association and the Board of Directors of the National Association of Women Judges.

Judge Riley's civic associations include being on the Board of Directors of the Greater Indianapolis Health Foundation, Board of Directors of Global Peace Initiatives, Board of Directors and Treasurer of the Indiana University School of Law–Indianapolis

Cale J. Bradford has broad experience in both the state and federal legal systems, including service as a Marion County deputy prosecutor, a public defender, a federal prosecutor, a trial court judge and an appellate court judge. In addition, he has six years' experience in private legal practice.

He was appointed to the Court of Appeals of Indiana by Gov. Mitch Daniels and took his seat on Aug. 1, 2007. In that time, he has participated in more than 2,000 appellate decisions and more than 80 oral arguments. He has written more than 700 majority decisions, including 145 published opinions. Judge Bradford also led a successful effort to encourage the mediation of legal disputes pending before the Court of Appeals, and greatly contributed to creation of the Judicial Retention website that helps voters make informed decisions about Appellate Judges standing for retention election.

Before joining the Appeals Court, he served the people of Marion County for more than 10 years as Judge of the Marion Superior Court, including seven years in the criminal division and three in the civil division. Twice, his colleagues elected him as presiding judge of the Court.

During that tenure, Judge Bradford led two major initiatives that addressed critical criminal justice issues facing Marion County. He chaired the Marion County Criminal Justice Planning Council, which recommended improved responses to jail overcrowding, staffing and budgets. Those efforts led to the end of 30 years of federal oversight of the Marion County Jail and to security improvements at the county's Juvenile Detention Center. He also led implementation of the Annie E. Casey Foundation Juvenile Detention Alternative

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